

Minutes, Board of Directors, October 11, 2025, Boeing Restoration Facility

Meeting convened at 1250.

Board Members Present: Dave Desmon, Gary Shipler, Peter Jackson, John Haug, Paul Youman, Kerry Edwards, Bob Hill, Brian Ruby.

Absent: Bob Stoney, Dan Shoemaker, and Fred Smyth.

Also present: Heijo Kuil, Robin Hill, Rob Mitka

Fly Day 2025/26: Bob Stoney participated by phone, and stated: after action reports for the 2025 Fly Day were sufficient and positive, will hold 2026 at Arlington to maintain the North/South rotation, Jay Borella will again be OpsO, provisional date will be 2nd Sat in June contingent on 2026 air show schedule, same event planning/organizing SOPs to be used, with one exception. A friction point from 2025 event was organizing food orders. Brief discussion whether to use box lunches again or set up a barbeque. The box lunch approach cost 30% more than a barbeque, but was more convenient. Kerry Edwards volunteered to be Food Officer for 2026 and to research which approach will be preferable for Arlington.

Social Media Outreach: Trent was not present, no updates.

2025 Scholarship Report: Bob Stoney stated his daughter was almost finished with promo video of past winners, requested Pete review video.

It was agreed to keep the scholarship deadline a few weeks past the Puyallap convention.

Revamping Scholarship SOPs: In the past the scholarship paid for in person ground school, one introductory flight to be held during the ground school phase, then one flight lesson after completion of ground school. Changes: Regal Flight school will not bill CWB directly, as Galvin did (Dave volunteered to address this); Rainier and Regal have moved ground school phase to all online instruction, which prevents Scholarship committee from following awardees' progress. Dave proposed establishing a mentoring program that would pair a CWB pilot with each awardee to track awardee's progress and make up any deficiencies anticipated with an all online approach. Board generally agreed, brief discussion of qualifications for the mentors, Pete will provide a detailed proposal in the future. It was generally agreed that awardees should be required to provide a course completion certificate before their second flight is funded, but;

Pete is waiting for Snohomish (flight school?) to send a price list for its ground school; if ground school prices continue to rise, should the Scholarship only cover one flight per awardee?

Pete requested a cover letter be added to the Scholarship application that clearly states what the Scholarship award entails and sets a time limit for the awardee to use the award. Brian agreed to help draft the letter.

Are unused Scholarship funds rolled over to the following year's program, or revert to the general fund—deferred for Fred to answer.

John agreed to research the use of Ray (sp?) scholarships from the EAA to help fund Scholarship program.

2025 Christmas Party: 2024 price for banquet room was \$1,000, Board budgeted \$1,200 to defray cost to members (incl VIP meals), attendee ticket price was \$59. Hilton increased banquet room price to \$1,300. Board voted 4 to 3 to increase member dinner price to \$65, instead of using 2024 dinner price and making up the difference with slush fund. Brandon Edwards will again invite Dick Nelms as a VIP. It was noted that attendance hasn't reached pre-covid levels but has been increasing a little every year.

Finance Officer/Adjutant: The board voted unanimously to, IAW the bylaws, separate the Financial Officer/Adjutant combined position previously held by Fred Smyth back into two positions. Brian Ruby was elected Adjutant and moved to the executive board. Fred Smyth retained Financial Officer position and Pete Jackson was moved from Executive board to general board.

The next Member meeting will be held on 8 Nov at the Museum of Flight. A nominating committee will be appointed on 8 Nov, to assemble nominations for elections to the board, slate sent to FO NLT 10 December, for elections to be held in January. Budget requests due to FO NLT 10 Dec.

Meeting adjourned at 1413.